

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 5-8, 10, 12-15, 17, 19-22, 24 and 26-31 are pending in the present application, Claims 1, 3, 6, 15, 17, 20 and 31 are amended and Claims 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23 and 25 are cancelled by the present amendment. Support for amendments to the claims can be found in the specification as originally filed. Thus, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-3, 8-10, 15-17 and 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as anticipated by Hara (JP 2003-069925); Claims 29 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as anticipated by Hara in view of Seki et al. (U.S. Pat. Pub. 2001/0048774, herein “Seki”); and Claims 4-7, 11-14, 18-21 and 25-28 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Initially, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of the allowable subject matter in Claims 4-7, 11-14, 18-21 and 25-28.

Accordingly, Applicants have cancelled allowable Claims 2, 4, 16 and 18 and have incorporated the features recited therein into independent Claims 1 and 15, respectively. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of these claims under §102(a) is overcome.

Addressing now the rejection of Claim 31 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as anticipated by Hara, that rejection is respectfully traversed. Specifically, Claim 31 has been amended to recite features similar to those found in the allowable combination of Claims 2/4 and 16/18.

Amended Claim 31 recites, in part,

inputting voices through a microphone;
converting the voices into voice data;
analyzing a content of expression of the voice data;

comparing the analyzed content of the expression of the voice data with a plurality of informative data of items, the plurality of the informative data of the items to be used in classifying and arranging image data and being stored in a recorder as an information file;

extracting at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items analogous to the content of the expression from the information file according to the comparison;

selecting one of the plurality of the informative data of the items when the plurality of the informative data of the items is being extracted;

determining the at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items extracted; and

recording the determined at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items.

Hara describes a camera that includes a microphone but does not describe or suggest selecting one of the plurality of the informative data of the items when the plurality of the informative data of the items is being extracted, determining the at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items extracted and recording the determined at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items, as is recited in Claim 31.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 31 patentably distinguishes over Hara.

Further, the additionally cited Seki reference does not cure the above noted deficiencies of Hara with regard to Claim 31.

In addition, should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place Claim 31 in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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